

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Mrs. C. C. Carlin has gone to Clifton Springs, N. Y., where she will spend some time.

Mrs. Grace M. Ale who has been confined to her home in Queen street for the past two weeks with an attack of grippe, is able to be out again.

Inmates of the jail were conscripted today to dig graves in the cemetery.

For the third consecutive Sunday there were no services in any of the churches yesterday owing to the epidemic of influenza.

Walter T. Dyer, seventy-two years old, died today at the city almshouse where he had been an inmate for the past ten years.

Mrs. William Masker, of Newark, N. J., is visiting her sister, Mrs. John T. Hayden, 110 Duke street. Her two boys, Isaac and Clayton, are at the front in France.

In the Circuit Court in vacation today Louis A. Holland's will was probated and James T. Holland qualified as executor. Testatrix leaves her estate to her two sons, George A., and James H. Holland.

Dr. W. P. Caton, who has been state health officer at Mount Royal, Va., has been appointed to the United States Public Health Service, and ordered to report at the hospital at Loma Vista, Va., where patients suffering from influenza are being treated.

As a result of the appeal issued Saturday by the women of the Red Cross for volunteers to take out food from the diet kitchen at the Young People's building on Sunday to persons ill with influenza a large number of volunteers responded and practically every person needing assistance known to the committee, were supplied during the day.

Organ-grinders are persona non grata in Alexandria at present. A native of the land of Cicero arrived here last week with an organ, the notes from which barely rose above the heads of the cluster of children which were attracted by him at different places. He also carried a monkey, and while the simian was gathering in the cents a policeman approached the vender of street music and made him understand that the work or fight law was in force. The Italian shouldered his organ and his parody upon humanity and wended his way out of the city.

TREACHEROUS ACT.

Although Le Cateau was not systematically destroyed by the Germans, there were individual acts of vandalism, both here and in adjoining villages. Perhaps the whole war has not produced another act so vile as that which is vouchsafed for by French official investigators. In Montigny, due west of Le Cateau, a German officer killed eighteen months with a French family. He was a pleasant fellow, taking his meals with the family and frequently performing on the piano for them. One evening he failed to return for dinner and members of the family waited in vain for him, and at midnight retired to bed. At 3 o'clock in the morning the house was blown up by a mine. Every one of this family was killed, with the exception of an eight-months-old child. The family consisted of several men, women and children.

EVERY DAY TO BE "LESS"

New Home Cards Will Not Fix Wheatless or Meatless Days

Because of the Spanish influenza epidemic, the Food Administration had postponed the distribution of its new home card until December 1. The original plan contemplated the opening of the campaign October 27.

In announcing the postponement a Food Administration statement last night said the new home card will contain no regulations regarding either "wheatless" or "meatless" days, but will urge as a whole, the most careful saving in all food, particularly in the conservation of wheat, meat, fats and sugar, so that the country can ship 5,575,000 tons more of foodstuffs to the Allies this year than last.

EPIDEMIC IS ON WANE

Disease Believed to Have Run its Course—Death Rate Reduced—Splendid Work Being Done by Red Cross.

The influenza situation here is improving. There were comparatively few new cases reported here today and many of those who have been ill with the disease are reported to be improving.

The death rate during the past twenty-four hours has been considerably reduced. Three persons have died today and in the past forty-eight hours, that is since the last issue of the Gazette, the death toll in the city was nine.

The medical authorities here are of the opinion that the disease has already reached its crest and now is on the wane.

The women identified with the Red Cross, physicians and others are working hard to stamp out the disease and judging from present indications these efforts are about to be crowned with success.

Yesterday many families in the city where they were persons ill with influenza were furnished food from the diet kitchen at the Young People's building, a corps of volunteers responding to the appeal for assistance.

The work here now has been systematized and is progressing in a most satisfactory manner.

Probably never before in the history of the city has an epidemic caused such a heavy death rate as this one.

Reports received here today from Camp Humphreys are to the effect that the epidemic at that camp is on the wane, and the death rate now is about normal.

CLEAN HUNS FROM ST. JUVIN

With the American First Army, Oct. 21.—A husky young Irish-American named McLennan, a former pressman of the New York World, and a German-Hebrew-American named Rapport cleaned up the principal streets of St. Juvin (north of the Aire, 12 miles west of the Meuse) single handed, overcoming stiff enemy resistance with their bayonets and a good supply of grenades.

McLennan worked his way forward along one side of the street and Rapport on the other. Heavy sniping from a window forced McLennan to cease operations and seek cover, whereupon Rapport crept to the window and plastered a grenade through it.

A German non-commissioned officer, followed by 95 other Germans, emerged with uplifted hands, shouting "Kamerad!"

The two New Yorkers proudly marched them to the rear.

KILLED AFTER QUARREL

Corporal at Meade Stabbed by Private at Breakfast Table.

Camp Meade, Md., Oct. 21.—A quarrel which started between two men last night over a slice of bread ended tragically here yesterday morning, when Corporal Robert E. Nelson, of Vandling, Pa., was stabbed to death as he was sitting at the breakfast table by Private Jeff Lankford, of Ridgessville, Tenn.

The killing took place in one of the mess halls of the Seventeenth Regiment, of which both soldiers were members. It was witnessed by many men of the company to which the corporal and private belonged, but the stabbing was done so quickly that even the men sitting beside Nelson had no chance to save him.

According to reports, Lankford simply walked up in back of Nelson and plunged a bread knife into his neck. Nelson fell backward and as did so, Lankford plunged the knife again into Nelson's body above his head. Men jumped from the table and grabbed Lankford and disarmed him while others went to the assistance of Nelson.

The corporal was carried to the regimental infirmary where he was pronounced dead a few minutes later by one of the medical doctors of the Seventeenth.

Lankford was locked up on the charge of causing the death of Nelson. He will be given a speedy trial by a court-martial which will be specially convened for his case. He faces the most serious charge ever presented against a soldier in the history of this camp.

RAVAGES OF PNEUMONIA.

Exacts Awful Toll When it Attacks Influenza Patients. Southwest Virginia Hard Hit Killing Over Thirty Per Cent.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 21.—Up to Saturday morning the State Board of Health had received forty-three replies to the questionnaire sent out Wednesday to the county health officers of Virginia in connection with the ravages of influenza. The replies indicate that the situation is still a most serious one though there is definite evidence of improvement at certain points, and local authorities aided by the State Board, are meeting conditions fairly well.

The forty-three counties heard from report a total of 8726 cases of which 582 are complicated by pneumonia. Of deaths there have been 177.

The percentage of deaths for the total number sick—whether or not pneumonia has developed—is two and one fourth.

When it is remembered that these figures relate to more or less thickly populated rural sections and not to crowded communities, it will be seen that the influenza is playing havoc in the country as well as in the cities and towns.

So far as Southwest Virginia is concerned, there is no disguising the fact that the situation is such as to give the health authorities serious concern. Indeed, this section appears to be the worst afflicted of any part of the State.

Dr. W. A. Bramfield of the United States Public Health Service, who was sent by the State Board to this field a few days ago, writes in part from Lee County under date of October 17th as follows:

"Conditions at St. Charles could not well be worse. The great majority of the people are sick and the rest are panic-stricken and completely disorganized. It is said that the sick and the children in some houses are suffering for food because there is no one able to prepare it.

"A hospital with fifty beds is in operation at Coeburn. The town raised \$2,000 by subscription last Sunday morning and the work was organized by Miss Jane Morgan with volunteer help from the home demonstration agent and women of Coeburn.

"Conditions at Toms Creek, Dante, Inman, Tacoma and several smaller places are quite bad, and they need medical and nursing help. The Stone-ega Co., Dorchester, Glamorgan and Norton plants are in good condition, but they have some mild cases.

"Diphtheria has been added to the fearful influenza conditions at St. Charles and I am returning there to try to organize the work for relief and the establishment of soup kitchens and other work."

In view of the serious menace from diphtheria, which will terribly complicate the influenza situation if it appears elsewhere than in Southwest Virginia, the State Board of Health, through the medium of a special circular, is urging all doctors to be on the lookout for this added danger and to be in a position to secure promptly an adequate supply of antitoxin.

GERMANY'S COAL SHORTAGE.

Supply Far Below Quantity Absolutely Needed For Coming Winter. Washington, Oct. 21.—According to sponsored information reaching Washington via Stockholm, Germany will face a desperate coal shortage this winter. The ravages of Spanish influenza, among the coal laborers, it is reported, have rendered it impossible to accumulate anywhere near the necessary stock of reserves.

Commenting on the plight in which Germany finds herself at the approach of cold weather, the Aftersvarlden, a leading Swedish newspaper, of recent date predicts that civil industries will get no coal whatever and adds that households also will probably get none.

To make matters worse, the collapse of Bulgaria renders it highly improbable that Germany will be able to secure any supplies from Roumania as a result of the concession of the brown coal mines of that country which is forced from the Bukharest government.

At the time of Rumanias withdrawal from hostilities, the Berlin war managers demanded and received control of 80 per cent of that country's output and made extensive preparations to develop the mines. This extortionate concession is likely to prove of little value with the increasing prospect of Roumania's re-entry into the war on the side of the allies.

LOAN A BIG TRIUMPH

Alexandria Goes Far Over Top—Final Figures Will, It is Believed, Show Sales in Excess of \$100,000 of Allotment.

The total bonds sold in this city up to midnight Saturday night amounted to \$698,050. It is estimated that additional sales made by the four banks since that time will make the total \$750,000. This puts Alexandria away over the top.

The allotment for this city was \$621,200 and with the additional sales made since Saturday it is believed that Alexandria will go more than \$100,000 "Over The Top."

The banks were simply snowed under Saturday with the bond business they did and it kept the clerical forces busy all day yesterday with the work.

The members of the local liberty loan committee today were the recipients of numerous congratulations on the success of the loan despite the fact that they were considerably hampered in their work by the closing of the theaters and other public gathering places as a result of the epidemic of influenza prevailing here.

Leo P. Harlow, chairman of the local committee, and his assistants did splendid work in this drive.

Miss Mamie Lindsey, chairman of the woman's committee, also did excellent work, the women selling many thousands of dollars worth of bonds which otherwise would not have been sold.

It is roughly estimated that there were approximately 3,000 subscribers to the loan. This number exceeds by many hundreds the number of subscribers to any of the previous loans.

In the three previous loans Alexandria also went "over the top."

DEATHS

COLE—Suddenly on Sunday, October 20th, 1918, at 1:15 p. m. HENRIETTA, wife of Dr. John T. Cole, at her residence 800 East Capitol Street, Washington, D. C. Notice of funeral later. 250-11.

BAKER—On Sunday, October 20, 1918 at 2:20 a. m. MARION M. BAKER, beloved daughter of Sarah M. and the late Napoleon B. Baker, in her eighteenth year. Funeral from her late residence 627 South St. Asaph Street, Alexandria, Va., on Wednesday, October 23rd, at 3 p. m. Interment at Bethel Cemetery. 250-11.

IN MEMORIAM

In sad but loving memory of our dear son, ALBERT SPEISS, who departed this life seven days ago today. Seven days have passed since that sad day. When the one we loved was called away. God took him home, it was His will. But in our hearts he liveth still.

By his family.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to thank our friends for the kindness and sympathy shown us for the beautiful floral tributes upon the death of our wife and sister, Mary V. Reynolds.

Norman L. Reynolds, Emerita Warnock.

CARD OF THANKS

The wife, father, sisters and brothers of the late Charles E. Entwistle desire to extend their thanks to friends who so kindly vied in expressions and acts of sympathy during the second sorrow which visited the family during the past week.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

The undersigned having qualified as administrator of the estate of the late Amos I. Entwistle, requests all persons having claims against his estate to present the same properly authenticated for settlement and persons indebted to the estate to settle the same by making payment to him.

Edgar Carpenter, 207 South Patrick Street. 250-106.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Nine Die in City in Past Forty-Eight Hours—Three Recorded Today.

Mrs. Henrietta Gibson Cole, wife of Dr. John T. Cole, a former resident of this city, died shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon of acute indigestion, after a brief illness at her residence, 800 East Capitol street, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Cole was a daughter of the late Dr. William Gibson, of this city, and in addition to her husband she is survived by three sons and one daughter. She was a sister of Mrs. David J. Howell, and Miss Emily Gibson, Richard Gibson, this city, Mrs. J. E. Mushbach, Montana; William F. Gibson, Montana; Frank S. Gibson, Washington, and Alexander Gibson, Washington.

Mrs. Sarah Freedman, 24 years old, died yesterday morning at her residence, 409 South St. Asaph street of pneumonia. Besides her husband, Abe Freedman, she leaves one child, The body will be shipped to New York City for burial.

Ray Rushing, about 20 years old, of Illinois, died Saturday night of pneumonia at the Westminster Building of the Second Presbyterian Church. The body will be shipped to Illinois for burial.

James Beall, 64 years old, died Sunday morning at his home at Addison Heights, Alexandria county.

Mrs. Helen Elizabeth Burgess, wife of Charles L. Burgess, died Saturday afternoon at her residence, 211 South Royal street, of pneumonia. She was a daughter of Mrs. Mary I. Creegan, and the late Michael Creegan. Her husband, mother and several sisters and brothers are living.

The funeral of Mrs. Burgess will take place at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning from her late residence.

John T. Waddy, thirty years old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Waddy, of 112 South Royal street, died at 8:30 o'clock last night at 203 G street northeast, Washington, of pneumonia. His wife and one child are living. The body was brought here this afternoon and taken to his parents' home and prepared for burial. The deceased was a tinner and was employed at the Washington Navy Yard.

James Anderson Duncan, thirty years old, died early Saturday night at his residence, Mount Ida, Alexandria County, of pneumonia. In addition to his wife, he leaves a little daughter. Mr. Duncan came here from Madison, N. C., and was proprietor of the Sanitary Pressing Company, 602 King street.

Hester Thorpe, fourteen months old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thorpe, died today at her parents' residence, 911 Franklin street, of pneumonia.

Roland M. Dove, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dove, died Saturday at his parents' residence, Seminary Hill, Fairfax county.

Leonard Y. Rosser, a former resident of this city, a steamfitter, died Friday at his residence in Washington. He was buried in Arlington this afternoon. He lived at 1427 Twenty-first street northwest.

Kenneth Edgar Strain, twenty-nine years old, who was employed as an electrician at the plant of the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation, died this morning at the Westminster Building of the Second Presbyterian Church of pneumonia. The body was taken to Demaine's chapel and will be shipped to Columbus, Ohio, for burial.

Mrs. Maude Harrison, Barecroft, Alexandria county, died this morning at the Westminster Building of pneumonia. The body will be taken to her late home and prepared for burial.

Funeral services for Henry Ballard Wilson will be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at Wheatley's chapel.

Mrs. Everett Roger's funeral took place at 2 o'clock this afternoon from her residence, 824 Duke street.

Funeral services for Louis Alma Mason were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from her parents' residence, 115 Prince street.

TO DROP CIGARETTES

With the American Army in France, Oct. 21.—American are planning to supply American airmen now prisoners in Germany with cigarettes by dropping packages over the enemy line at regular intervals. The packages will be addressed to individuals known to be in various German camps. Lieut. Alan E. Winslow, of River Forest, Ill., has sent a post card to aviation headquarters asking the airmen to send him cigarettes as soon as possible.

ALLIES CAPTURE 2,000

Allies Move Steadily Onward, Dutch Reporting 15,000 Huns Interned Over Border.

London, Oct. 21.—The Germans have been hurried back over the Lys river at three places, and the allies are driving close to Ghent and Tournai, Field Marshal Haig reported today in a special statement on the Flanders offensive. His report made it evident that the attempt of the Germans to make a stand on the line of the Lys river has been overwhelmed, and the allies are already in touch with the next defense line along the Escaut river.

Haig declared the enemy has been forced to withdraw on its whole front in Belgium. The allies have reached Aelter, eleven miles west of Ghent, the greatest road center in western Belgium, and have occupied several villages on a line running northward to the Dutch frontier.

The French have established bridgeheads on the eastern side of the Lys, eleven miles southwest of Ghent, and a point near Ouyghem, a few miles further south.

London, Oct. 21.—The British attacked yesterday morning on a ten-mile front east of Cambrai. They captured Solesmes, six miles northwest of Le Cateau, where German resistance has been particularly stubborn in the last few days. The high ground opposite Solesmes, east of the Selle River, also was taken by the attackers.

London, Oct. 21.—"We are two miles from Tournai," says last night's report from Field Marshal Haig.

Tournai is the important rail intersection thirteen miles east of Lille. Its fall will seal the doom of the lower part of the German stop-gap line east of the Scheldt.

Two thousand prisoners were taken by the British yesterday. A number of guns also were captured.

The British crossed the Selle River capturing a number of villages in the Selle Valley, taking Solesmes (eleven miles east of Cambrai) and establishing themselves on the high ground near the Parnes Valley.

The British line last night ran from east of Denain through the Bois-de-Elusettes to Landas (eleven miles northeast of Douai) to Mouthif (seven miles southwest of Tournai) to Marquin (two and a half miles west of Tournai).

This means that the British are less than five miles west of Valenciennes for Denain is that distance from the great German base on the Scheldt.

Paris, Oct. 21.—Unofficial front dispatches late yesterday evening state that Gen. Mangin's army has broken through the whole Wagnerian defense system and has advanced five kilometers (a little more than three miles) in the direction of Marle (an important railway point on the Senne northeast of Laon).

Amsterdam, Oct. 21.—Dutch frontier correspondents report that 15,000 Germans have been cut off by the Belgian advance and have been interned in Holland.

WILL PRODUCE ONE HUNDRED TONS A DAY.

The State Corporation Commission recently granted a charter to the Western Pyrites Company with a capital stock of \$90,000. This concern has taken over all of the property of the Old Dominion Sulphur Company, Garrisonville, Va., and will immediately proceed to operate the mine on an extensive scale producing pyrites at the rate of 100 tons a day and delivering it to the sulphuric acid manufacturers in this city and Philadelphia.

The capital stock is \$90,000 and officers: U. B. Curtis, president; Frank Porter, secretary, both of Washington.

DRAFT SLACKER SHOT

Charles Sykes, twenty-nine years old, and charged with being a draft slacker, was shot and killed yesterday in Norfolk, when he resisted arrest. Policeman John T. Stewart was wounded in the resulting pistol duel. Sykes fled from his home when he saw the officers approaching along the road and took refuge in a ditch. He refused to surrender and offered fire on the officers. Exchange of shots followed. Sykes was called in September to leave for camp, but failed to appear. A order for his arrest followed.

"FLU" ON THE WANE.

Boston, Oct. 21.—Boston was itself again today. Public schools, theaters, motion picture houses, libraries, museums, saloons, soda fountains, dance halls, bowling allies, billiard rooms, pool parlors, auction rooms and public assembly halls, all closed during the last three weeks because of the Spanish influenza epidemic, were reopened today.

PRAYS HE WON'T LIVE TO SEE FLU CLOSE CHURCH. DIES 45 MINUTES LATER

Baltimore, Oct. 21.—The Rev. J. Wynne Jones, of Highlandtown, prayed that he might not see the churches closed of influenza and died forty-five minutes later.

In a Billy Sunday sort of way, he said: "Lord, if these fellows here in town close up all the churches on Sunday, I hope I will not live to see the day when Thy place is shut!"

He was a victim of heart disease in less than an hour afterward. He had been pastor in Baltimore for more than forty years. He founded the old Abbott Memorial Presbyterian Church.

GIRL WITH IRON CROSS WILL BE INTERNED

Chicago, Oct. 21.—Arrested for sending treasonable letters to German prisoners in Canadian camps, Miss Emma Campen, an enemy alien, will be interned on a Presidential warrant.

German names with addresses, headed "Secret list," were found hidden in her personal effects. She wore an iron cross suspended to her neck by a silver chain. The discovery gave national scope to the efforts to prove the woman a German agent.

Government operatives failed to induce her to tell how she got the cross, a rare decoration to be bestowed upon a woman. A signet iron cross ring, with "Gott Mit Uns" inscribed on it also was found in her belongings.

Through a "trading with the enemy" license, obtained some time ago, she was able until recently to procure the delivery of parcels.

BERLIN HIKE WILL BE ROUGH ON BOCHE

Very little genuine shoe leather can be found in Germany at the present time, and it is expected the people of Germany will be compelled to accept substitutes for a number of years after the end of the war, according to a report by the Department of Commerce. The Substitute Shoe Sole Company of Berlin is one of the outgrowths of the war.

It is said the number of such firms will greatly increase, and that 150,000,000 soles for old shoes already have been made of substitute material. Among the varieties of substitute leather shown in a recent exhibition at Frankfurt was a mixture of old rubber, canvas and felt. But even these materials are becoming scarce in Germany.

The wooden shoe is seen in fashionable as well as plebeian circles, the report says.

COUNTING UP LOSSES

Belgian Government Takes Steps to Compute Damage Done by Huns. The Belgian Government already has taken steps to compute the enormous total of the damage done to property in Belgium by the Germans during their occupation of the country.

The Council of Ministers met at Havre and adopted measures for verifying claims for damages to civilian and public property. These will be employed as a means for determining the total compensation to be demanded from Germany.

The assembly also discussed measures for insuring the resumption of the circulation of Belgian coinage in liberated territory, the cablegram and decided on various modifications of the communal law to meet the changes in the internal situation due to the German evacuation.

"In order to demonstrate its gratitude and admiration for the army," the message adds, "the assembly took under consideration a plan which would greatly increase the compensation to the families of members of the militia."

"FLU" ON THE WANE. BOSTON LIFTS BAN

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The epidemic is on the wane. From a daily death toll of more than 200, the disease now is claiming only slightly more than 200 daily.